

Senate of Pennsylvania



House of Representatives

March 23, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

On behalf of the 1,000 Pennsylvania-based companies and the 50,000 Pennsylvanians they employ, we respectfully urge the following businesses to be changed to life-sustaining businesses:

- Highway, Street and Bridge Construction
- Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
- Architectural, Engineering and Related Services (highway/bridge construction only)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission announced the suspension of all construction projects on March 16, 2020. However, the design and construction of our roads and bridges are essential to continue delivering goods and services during the coronavirus pandemic. An additional business related to the above, for your review, is the Utility Subsystem Construction.

Construction sites are unique, employ “social distancing” concepts and remain closed to the general public. In fact, the very nature of construction sites must follow strict Federal and State workplace safety protocols. The highway construction industry also prepared additional measures to safeguard its employees from the spread of COVID-19.

**Pennsylvania is the only State in the country to suspend its highway construction projects.** Lifting this restriction will help the industry to perform critical repairs and to be prepared for any emergency-related repairs. We look forward to hearing an update from you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Senator Kim L. Ward.

Senator Kim L. Ward, Chair  
Senate Transportation Committee

Handwritten signature of Rep. Tim Hennessey.

Rep. Tim Hennessey, Chair  
House Transportation Committee

Handwritten signature of Senator John P. Sabatina.

Senator John P. Sabatina, Democratic Chair  
Senate Transportation Committee

Handwritten signature of Rep. Mike Carroll.

Rep. Mike Carroll, Democratic Chair  
House Transportation Committee